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"Shaping the Future of Climate Change"

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COUNCIL on FOREIGN RELATIONS

"Countdown to Copenhagen Symposium: Connecting Domestic and International Action"

<u>Edward J. Markey</u>. Council on Foreign Relations, November 10, 2009, 19 pages.

The author discusses how to create a future with more clean energy and less global warming pollution, focusing on the interplay between domestic and international actions on climate change.

Full text currently available at

http://www.cfr.org/publication/20754/countdown to copenhagen symposium.html



"Meeting the Climate Challenge: Core Elements of an Effective Response to Climate Change"

<u>Andrew Light</u>, et al. Center for American Progress and United Nations Foundation. October 2009, 15 pages.

This paper assesses four core elements of an effective global response to climate change: energy efficiency, renewable energy, forest conservation, and sustainable land use and adaptation.

Full report currently available at

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/10/pdf/UNclimateissues.pdf [PDF format; 596KB]



"Focus Climate Talks on Carbon Price"

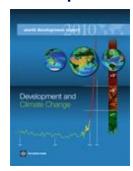
Clive Crook. National Journal, October 10, 2009, 2 pages.

The author examines how the Obama administration can claim global leadership on the issue of curbing carbon emissions, focusing on advantages of cap-and-trade systems under the U.S. House's Waxman-Markey and Senate's Kerry-Boxer climate change bills.

Full text currently available at

http://www.nationaljournal.com/njmagazine/wn_20091010_6953.php

"Development and Climate Change"



Rosina Bierbaum, et al. **World Development Report 2010**, October 2009, 365 pages.

Climate change policy is not a simple choice between a high-growth, high-carbon world and a low-growth, low-carbon one. The question has become not just how to make development more resilient to climate change, but also how to pursue growth and prosperity without causing "dangerous" changes to the climate. This report examines these questions and offers the steps that can put a climate-smart world within our reach.

Full report currently available at http://go.worldbank.org/45FTJL7UP0

"Climate Change: Impact on Agriculture and Costs of Adaptation"



<u>Gerald C. Nelson</u>, et al. *IFPRI Food Policy Report*, October 2009, 30 pages.

The authors examine research results that quantify the impact of climate change on agriculture, assess the consequences for food security, and explore investments that could offset the negative consequences for human well-being. Using two climate scenarios to simulate climate change, along with insights from an extremely detailed global agriculture model, the authors analyze detailed modeling of crop growth under the climate change scenario.

Full report currently available at

http://www.ifpri.org/sites/default/files/publications/pr21.pdf [PDF format; 1.04MB]

"Climate Change and the Future Impacts of Storm-Surge Disasters in Developing Countries"



<u>Susmita Dasgupta</u>, et al. *Center for Global Development Working Paper 182*, September 2009, 28 pages.

The world is facing changes in the climate that may cause larger cyclonic storm surges and growing populations to collide in disasters of unprecedented size. As conditions worsen, variations in coastal

morphology will magnify the effects in some areas, while largely insulating others. The authors explore the implications of sea-level rise and storm surges for 84 developing countries and 577 of their cyclone-vulnerable coastal cities with populations greater than 100,000.

Full report currently available at

http://www.cgdev.org/files/1422836 file Future Storm Surge Disasters FINAL.pdf [PDF format; 652KB]

WEB RESOURCES

Center for Global Development

http://www.cgdev.org

The Center for Global Development is an independent, not-for-profit think tank that works to reduce global poverty and inequality by encouraging policy change in the United States and other rich countries through rigorous research and active engagement with the policy community.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

http://unfccc.int/

This UN site contains numerous resources on climate change, such as introductory and indepth publications on the issue, as well as the official United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Kyoto Protocol texts. A helpful search engine of the UNFCCC library is also available.

United Nations Climate Change Conference Copenhagen 2009 (COP15)

http://en.cop15.dk

The COP15 conference is the fifteenth Conference of the Parties under the United Nations' Climate Change Convention, to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark on December 7-18, 2009. The COP15 official website provides news and comprehensive information about the event, including calendar, climate facts, blog, and debate forums.

Unite for Climate

http://uniteforclimate.org

Unite for Climate is a growing global community of young people and organizations working together on youth-powered solutions designed to facilitate collaboration, coordination and resource sharing.

World Resources Institute

http://www.wri.org/project/cop-15

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